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MORE CONTRACTORS BARE GIFTS TO BILBO

By Fred Vast

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—More thousands of dollars contributed to Sen. Bilbo's pet projects and political machine by war contractors were revealed today at public hearings of a Senate War Investigating Subcommittee. Some of the donors testified their money was in "loans" still

unpaid. Much of the funds were contributed to Bilbo's Juniper Grove Baptist Church while other donations were in the form of work done on his private lake and "dream houses."

Michael Morrissey testified he built a 23-acre lake and island for the Senator's "Dream House No. 2," which cost \$3,570 but was never paid. He also loaned Bilbo \$5,000, donated \$1,000 to his church, and gave him \$1,000 on another occasion, and presented him a Cadillac automobile.

Morrissey revealed he had operated Bilbo's 3,600-acre plantation on a unique agreement for four years in which he lost \$48,000. The agreement provided that Morrissey would pay the taxes and stand all losses but profits would be shared with Bilbo. Morrissey said he made \$47,000 on terracing the land with generous payments from a government agency.

MADE DEAL

He made the deal with Bilbo after work started on Keesler Field at Biloxi, an Army Air Base, where he received \$115,302 for renting his equipment to the government.

M. T. Reed, the contractor who landed the \$2,630,000 job to build the Jackson Army Air Base, tossed in \$3,500 to Bilbo's church fund, paid a \$500 bill without questions on furniture for one of the "Dream Houses," and never collected \$1,790 for a paint job.

John Jurkin, a sand and gravel producer, poured \$1,196 worth of cement into the hole dug by Morrissey for Bilbo's private swimming pool and wrote it off the books. He also gave \$500 for the church.

B. L. Knost's contributions for political, church and personal funds came to \$10,000. All the contractor got back was \$750 on a \$1,200 loan.

GAVE \$25,000

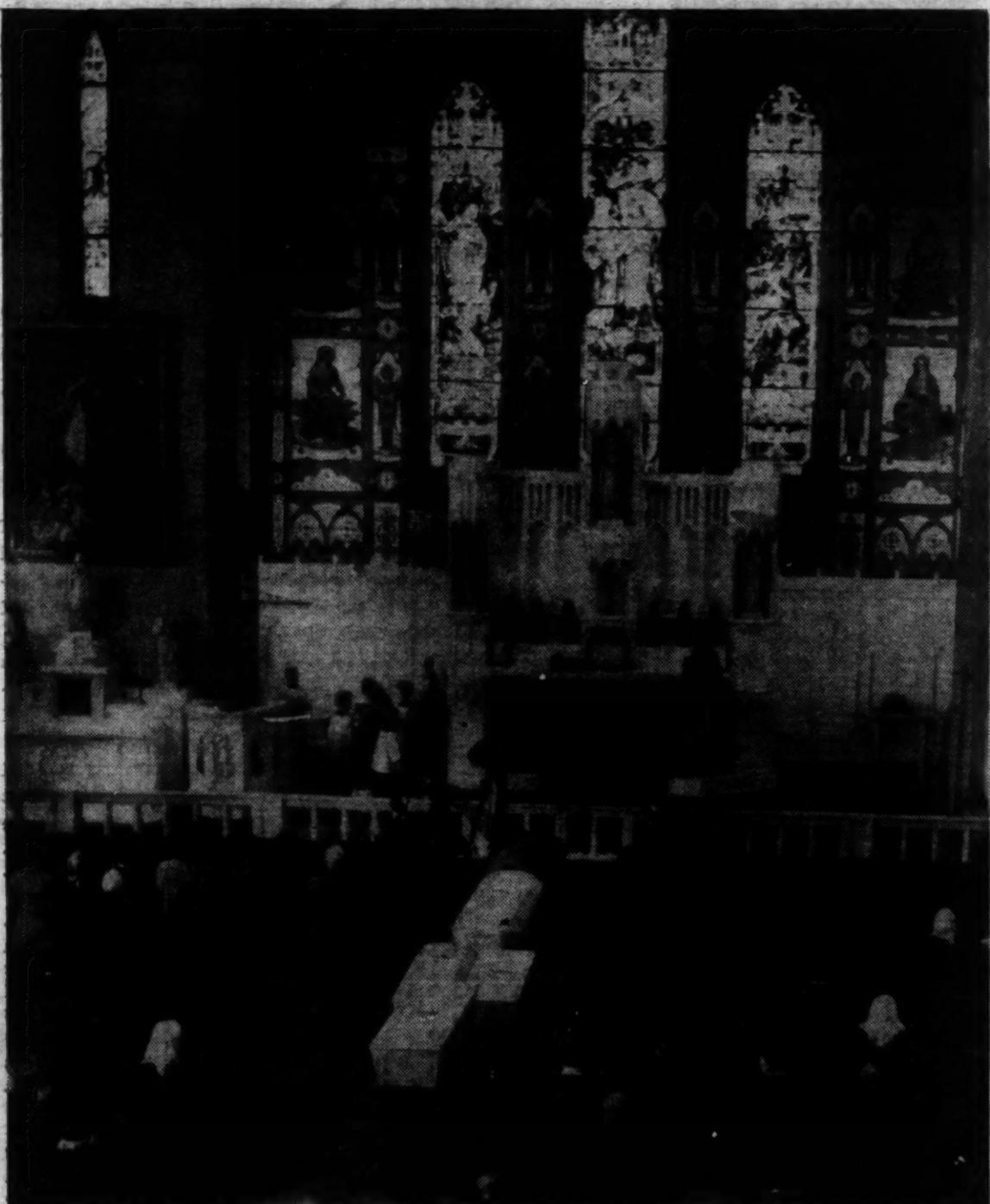
A similar \$1,200 loan was repaid, contractor Felix Newton said, although "I didn't intend to collect it." Newton gave \$750 to Bilbo's church and \$25,000 to the Senator's informal campaign group for Wall Doxey in 1942. He also gave Doxey, who was running for re-election as U. S. Senator, another \$2,500.

None of the men who gave so freely to Bilbo ever questioned what happened to the money, they told Sens. James Mead (D-NY) and Homer Ferguson (R-Mich) today, nor did they ever ask where it was going.

Frequently the checks were handed to Edward Terry, Bilbo's former secretary.

Ferguson read a Bilbo letter sent out on stationery of the Senate Committee on Pensions, which appealed eloquently for church funds.

Not one of the donors could remember receiving the letter, but the contributions alone totalled \$6,500.



TENEMENT VICTIM'S LAST RITES: Four white coffins and one gray one, bearing the bodies of Mrs. Elizabeth Biancardi, 37, and her children rested in St. Elizabeth Church yesterday as friends and relatives came to pay final tribute. Funeral services were held in the church for five others, all victims of the Washington Heights tenement disaster which claimed 37 lives. (See story Page 4.)

—Daily Worker Photo by Peter

WORLD EVENTS

Cite 2 U. S. Officers In Reich Black Market

BERLIN, Dec. 16 (UP).—Army Judge Advocate for Berlin Col. L. R. Prichard announced today he has filed formal charges against two American officers and one civilian accusing them of operating the biggest black market ring yet uncovered in Germany and neighboring European countries.

Prichard charged that the ring dealt in hundreds of thousands of dollars in jewelry, precious stones, radium, paintings, perfumes, automobiles and other coveted articles.

Prichard identified the men he filed charges against as: Lt. Col. J. G. Fisher, Wilmette, Ill.; Maj. Louis Dups, New York, N. Y., and Marvin Van Stock, Chicago, Ill.

Fisher was convicted last month

on a separate charge of doing business with the enemy, sentenced to one year at hard labor and fined \$2,000, while Dups is under house arrest in Berlin.

Prichard said Van Stock left Germany for the United States several weeks ago at the same time criminal investigation agents began working on the case.

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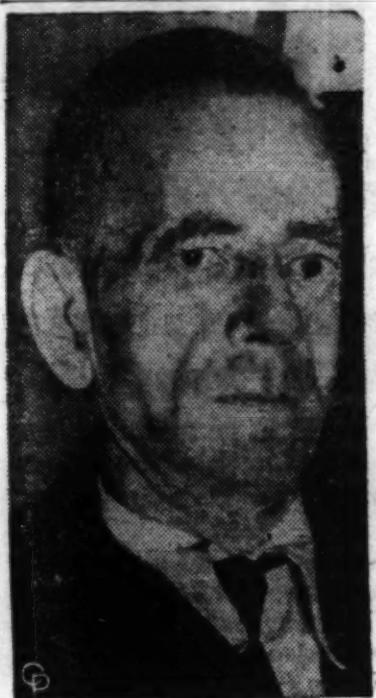
The charge sheet said the three men also attempted "to defraud the allied powers and the German government . . . by planning and carrying out systematic looting of precious metals and stones and bullion in custody or under control of the allied powers." All three were attached to the decartelization branch of military government headquarters for Germany, the judge advocate said.

Prichard said it was impossible to estimate exactly the amount of illegitimate goods in which the three allegedly dealt because so many items were included and the operations took place over such a long period of time.

Prichard charged that the men operated behind the front of an export-import company licensed in New York State and known as the Overseas Industrial Corp.

Prichard also accused Fisher, Dups and Van Stock of smuggling, bribing and conducting illegitimate business which interfered with their military government duties. Black market dealing with the enemy charges covered a 14-month period from August, 1945, to October, 1946.

Prichard said the course of action against Van Stock was uncertain since authorities have not succeeded in getting him to return from the U. S. and a military court can not force him to return.



NOW IN ENGLAND is Kurt Schumacher, leader of the Social Democratic Party in Germany's Western Zones, whom the Soviet newspaper Pravda accused of being groomed by reactionary forces in Britain as a possible successor to Adolf Hitler.

Matrimonial Notes

By Alan Max

Princess Elizabeth of Great Britain and Prince Philip of Greece are planning to get married. Another 25,000 British troops will probably be sent into Greece to guard the wedding gifts.

Death in a Blacked-Out Village

(United Press correspondent Robert Vermillion has just returned to Athens from six days in the guerrilla territory of northern Greece, where he was reported "missing" by the Greek government. Vermillion's second dispatch on his experiences follows.)

By Robert Vermillion

ATHENS, Greece, Dec. 16 (UP).—Half of the 270 men, women and children of the village of Louzestia, five miles behind guerrilla lines in northern Thessaly, fled into the nearby hills on the afternoon of Dec. 9.

The signal of their flight was the first shot fired in the second battle of Louzestia. Government troops had delivered one blow against the village and were back again, this time to "rescue three Americans in the guerrilla territory of northern Thessaly."

The three Americans were John Phillips of Time and Life magazines, Tom Polities, a Greek-speaking American artist, and myself. We heard the battle of Louzestia start while we were crossing the mountains above the village.

We arrived at Louzestia, wet and tired, more than 24 hours later. Passing two guerrilla

sentries, we found the village blacked out and almost empty. We talked briefly and almost in whispers with the village president, a mustachioed, ragged man who invited us into his mud hut to warm ourselves.

By the light from the fireplace and a tiny old lamp suspended above it, an old woman was placidly knitting. In a corner of the room, three children coughed harshly and almost continuously under a goat hair blanket.

The village president told us that a man had been killed by an army mortar shell during the battle on the previous afternoon.

"The army was coming here to arrest 25 civilians," he said.

The next morning, the village president asked Phillips to take a picture of the man killed by the army mortar shell "to show America what we are suffering."

Before we left the hut, Andartes (guerrillas) had gone through the village, warning those who remained: "Be alert. Trouble is expected."

As the village president led us to the home of the man who was killed, he said the soldiers had withdrawn after a fierce fight with the guerrillas and had thrown 25 mortar shells into the village, although their opponents were on the slopes.

One shell landed 40 yards from the home of

Apostolou Nasto, who had sent his wife and two children into the hills. A fragment of the shell ripped through the window where Nasto was standing looking out and tore away the left side of his face. He died some hours later, with no medical attention other than a crude bandage tied over the wound.

In the yard of Nasto's house, an old and decrepit man was making a coffin out of rough planks. There were wide gaps in the side, where the planks did not meet.

Nasto was laid out on three boards. A small oil lamp flickered at his head. His arms were crossed on his chest, and above them lay a bouquet of mountain flowers and a 10,000 drachma note, worth about \$2 in American money.

Mrs. Nasto put her hands on her husband's cold face, and looking upward sang:

"Apostolou, the good Americans have come to see a good man in death."

"They will make your picture, Apostolou."

"Your face in death will be in the American paper."

"It will be seen by many."

"And they will send us your picture."

"And then, Apostolou, you will be with us again."



Mexicans Assail U.S. Action on Eisler

A group of prominent Mexican artists, writers and civic leaders have cabled the U. S. State Department to protest the cancellation of the exit permit granted to German anti-fascist refugee Gerhart Eisler.

Among the signers of the protest were Diego Rivera, painter; Clemente Lopez Trujillo, director of the National Libraries of Mexico; Dr. Gonzalez Aguirre Beltran, of the Department of Interior, and Dr. Enrique Gonzalez Martinez, poet.

The cable to the State department also recalled Eisler's voluntary and active participation in the war in Spain, "where he fought against the German and Italian armies of invasion."

WHILE BUCKINGHAM Palace is mum about it, everybody else in England knows that Princess Elizabeth, 20-year-old heiress to the British throne, is going to marry her cousin, Prince Philip of Greece, some time next year, according to the United Press.



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ZIONISTS MAY SEEK BRITISH COOPERATION

THE ZIONIST world congress in Basel, Switzerland, headed for a victory of those forces desiring cooperation with the British. Indications were that Chaim Weizmann would be reelected president of the World Zionist organization.

A BRITISH foreign office spokesman said the British ambassador to Spain has begun personal preparations to return to London in line with the UN resolution for recall of ambassadors from the Spanish capital.

WORLD SHORTAGES were blamed by British government leaders for endangering Britain's export goals and for a reduction in the meager bacon ration.

THE ATOMIC ENERGY commission of the UN begins debate today on the American proposals for international control of atomic energy. Bernard Baruch is expected to open discussion.

JAPANESE soldiers indiscriminately butchered Allied prisoners of war and civilians, eye witness reports stated in the Tokyo war crimes trial.

AN EMPRESS of Japan would be in the realm of possibility if Dr. Sasaki's proposed law to make it possible for a woman to sit on the thrown is passed. Japanese labor leaders who fought the monarchy for the last 20 years are curbed from agitating against the monarchy by the emperor's protector, Gen. MacArthur.

PANAMA CITY workers and students held a mass demonstration in the Plaza Santa Ana for the return of bases occupied by the U. S. Army during the war. The U. S. promised to return these bases in a treaty signed in 1942 by Oct. 30, 1946. Now we are negotiating to keep the bases.

Blum Picks All-Socialist Cabinet

Former Premier, Leon Blum ended the three-week French governmental crisis today by forming an all-Socialist interim cabinet which will rule until mid-January, United Press reported yesterday.

The chief task of the interim cabinet will be to initiate drastic economy measures designed to halt inflation.

Blum, president and premier, took also the portfolio of foreign affairs.

Other members: Ministers of State—Guy Mollett, Augustin Laurent; National Defense—Andre Letourneau; National Economy and Finance—Andre Philip; Five-Year Economic Plan—Felix Gouin; Interior—Edouard Depreux; Justice—Paul Ramadier; Agriculture—Robert Tanguy Prigent; Public Works and Reconstruction—Jules Moch.

Education—Marcel Maegelen; Labor and Social Security—Daniel Mayer; Overseas Territories—Marius Moutet; Industrial Production—Rene LaCoste; Posts and Telegraphs—Eugene Thomas; Health—Pierre Segelle; War—Max Lejeune.

Blum announced his cabinet at 6 p.m. 1 p.m. EST. It held its first meeting at 6:30 p.m. and agreed on the statement Blum will make to the National Assembly tomorrow. It is expected to receive a vote of confidence then from all parties except those on the extreme right.

Blum was drafted from political retirement when Communists, Socialists and Popular Republican Movement found it impossible to agree on a man for premier. He said he had formed the all-Socialist cabinet to save both France and her Republican institutions from "grave peril." He made it clear that he would serve only a few weeks.

Denied Liberties, Iran Democrats To Boycott Poll

The democratic Tudeh Party of Iran announced yesterday it would boycott the coming Majlis (Parliament) elections, according to United Press.

The Tudeh Party proclamation said it would refrain from participation in the elections since it had been "denied all liberties."

"The elections are fettered and planned so that Premier Ghavam's own party gains the majority of the seats and we have been denied campaigning privileges," the announcement said.

Following suppression of the Azerbaijan autonomous regime, Ghavam banned the party's newspapers. He was also reported to have dissolved the organization and arrested its leaders.

The party's headquarters was raided and partially wrecked by a mob of Ghavam supporters.

Suppression of the autonomous province of Azerbaijan by the central government army of Iran was accomplished with British and American arms. Although the Azerbaijan regime had widespread peasant support because of lands reforms at the expense of the feudal landlords, it could not resist the superior armed force of the central government. Planes, tanks and automatic weapons furnished by Britain and the U.S. proved decisive.

LABOR and the NATION

CIO Leaders Hit End of Vet Housing

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—President Truman's executive order lifting building controls means scrapping the Veterans Emergency Housing Program, R. J. Thomas, chairman of the CIO Committee on Housing, and John Brophy, director of CIO Industrial Union Councils, declared in a joint letter to CIO affiliates today.

The forced resignation of Wilson Wyatt as Housing Administrator, together with Truman's new decontrol order, is a set-back for veterans and workers seeking low-cost housing, it is a victory for the forces of monopoly and scarcity the CIO leaders said.

"Real estate speculators and profiteers have apparently convinced the President that ample housing exists just around the corner, and that private interests can cope with the housing problem," they said.

Since President Truman announced his new housing "program" late Saturday, developments in the highly muddled housing situation have followed thick and fast:

1. Deputy Housing Expediter Norton Long, resigned his post in protest. Truman's order means a "non-veteran, non-housing" program and will lead to a real estate "boom and bust," he charged. Joseph L. Rauh, and E. A. Verpillo, deputy expediters, also resigned.

2. The Subcommittee of the Senate Small Business Committee, holding hearings on building controls, postponed all hearings until Wednesday. Prior to Saturday it had heard the Real Estate Lobby plead for lifting controls and three veterans' organizations call just as loudly for their retention.

3. Federal housing agencies were in a state of complete confusion today dividing up functions and personnel between the Offices of Housing Expediter and the National Housing Administration. Formerly operated under one head, Wilson Wyatt, the set-up was cut in two by Truman last Thursday when he named Frank Creedon, housing expediter and Raymond Foley, housing administrator. It was blue Monday for government workers assigned to the expediter because they believe the life of this agency will be brief.

All labor spokesmen contacted by the Daily Worker were in vigorous agreement with the Thomas-Brophy statement. They summed up the effect of the Truman order as follows:

- Removed the \$10,000 ceilings on new homes, thus placing new houses out of reach of a majority of veterans.
- Eliminated restrictions against building of homes for non-veterans, completely ending vets' priority.
- Ended priorities on most scarce building materials.
- Provided for increase in construction of stores and other non-residential buildings beyond the present weekly limit of \$35,000,000.
- Modified the \$80 per month rent ceiling on new housing units. Landlords may charge above this figure on some apartments provided the average for the project stays at \$80.

The new Truman program is based on the trickle-down theory, one labor housing expert said. "By this I mean the theory that if enough high-priced houses are built for people with plenty of dough they will move out of their low-cost apartments and leave them vacant for veterans and workers."

"This theory has been enthusiastically advocated by the Real Estate lobby for months. The reason is clear, building and renting these houses and apartments in the upper brackets are the gravy train."

The CIO is urging its members to be active in their communities to bring pressure on local political leaders. Unions are urged to:

- 1. Protest against unnecessary non-residential construction.
- 2. Protest when prices set on new

houses are too high for average veterans.

3. Work for modernized building codes.

4. Protest existence of unused living facilities.

5. Demand adequate RFC loans to producers of industrialized prefabricated houses.

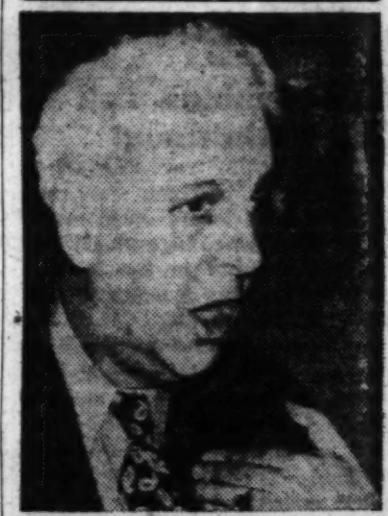
Green Calls for Fight On Anti-Labor Bills

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—AFL president William E. Green tonight followed CIO president Philip Murray in calling upon labor to fight against reactionaries in the new Congress who, he charged, are bent on enacting anti-labor laws.

In a letter distributed to all AFL officials and local union leaders, Green called upon his organization's 8,000,000 members to bombard their Senators and Congressmen with letters and personal protests.

The AFL leader predicted the reactionary campaign would center on an attempt to amend the Wagner and Norris-LaGuardia Acts, outlaw the union shop, limit the right to strike, and make unions liable for civil damages for participation in strikes.

Green instructed state and local AFL officials to organize a mass protest campaign in every section of the country.



DEFEATED CANDIDATE for Senate from Mississippi in 1942, Wall Doxey testifies at the Senate War Investigating Committee's probe of Sen. Theodore Bilbo's connection with war contracts. Doxey declared he learned of a \$25,000 contribution given Bilbo for his, Doxey's campaign after defeat.

Tried to Fix Him: Star fullback for the New York Football Giants, Merle Hapes (left) enters his car escorted by a detective, after he had been questioned in connection with an attempt to "fix" the title game between the Giants and the Chicago Bears. Ruled ineligible for the game, Hapes identified a gambler who, he said, offered him a \$1,000 bet to throw the game. (See story Back Page.)

Rally Told U.S., Britain Groom Franco Spain as War Base

Official circles in the United States and Great Britain which supported Franco's regime, did so in order to use Spain as a military base for war against Russia, it was charged yesterday by Julio Alvarez Del Vayo and Vicente Lombardo Toledano at a Madison Square Garden "Salute to Spanish Republicans."

Del Vayo, former foreign minister of the Spanish republic declared: "If the State Department wants to keep the Franco government in power, or install an equivalent regime without Franco, it is because America sees in Spain an ideal military and naval base in the event of war with Russia." Twelve thousand people attended.

Lombardo, leader of the Latin American Confederation of Labor, who flew from Mexico to address the Garden rally stated certain government circles in the U. S. and Britain support Franco because if war breaks out "the Anglo-Saxon powers wish to count upon the

Franco regime as an instrument against the Soviet Union."

Del Vayo, along with the other speakers hailed the action of the United Nations General Assembly in condemning Franco. But he noted that a previous resolution had been passed by UN at San Francisco.

"Only the vigilance and the alertness of the peoples of all countries will guarantee that this resolution will bring more practicable results than did the one adopted in San Francisco," he warned.

Oscar Lange, Polish UN delegate who introduced the resolution into the General Assembly, which called for a complete break with the Franco regime told the gathering the UN resolution was a step in the

right direction. He added that it "does not go far enough" and "would have to be followed by further action."

Czechoslovakia foreign minister Jan Masaryk said Hitler's goose-stepping boots had two heels, one was Mussolini, the other Franco.

Yugoslavia ambassador Sava Kosanovich stated that "disarmament and Spain" were the two major questions that came before the UN.

France's delegate to the United Nations, Alexandre Parodi called the Spanish republicans "the spearhead in that long fight . . . in which the liberty of the world almost perished."

The meeting was sponsored by the Spanish Refugee Appeal and helped raise funds for the relief and rehabilitation of Spanish republican refugees.

Other speakers were Jacob S. Pofotsky of the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers; Dr. Edward Barsky, of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee; Milton Wolff, commander, Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade; the Rev. Stephen Fritchman, editor of the Christian Register. Greetings were received from CIO president Philip Murray, Diego Martinez Barrio, president of the Spanish government in exile, Isabel De Palencia, former Spanish minister to Sweden, Pablo Picasso, noted artist, Joseph Davies, former U.S. ambassador to Russia, and others.

GOP LEADER SPURNS UNIONS, EMPLOYERS ON LABOR PEACE

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (FP)—GOP Congressman Clarence Brown today spurned a joint settlement by top labor and management spokesmen favoring peaceful settlement of collective bargaining issues.

"If these people have the answer to their difficulties," Brown, contender for GOP House leader, asked plaintively, "why haven't they used it by now, or if they have used it, why hadn't it worked?"

His remarks were directed at a joint statement issued earlier in the day by AFL, CIO and management representatives, members of the Labor Dept. 8-man labor-management advisory committee. They affirmed faith in free collective bargaining and recommended development of voluntary mediation techniques.

The statement, which carried the endorsement of Conciliation Director Edgar Warren, said all committee members believe that any form of compulsory arbitration or "super

machinery for disposition of labor disputes may frustrate rather than foster industrial peace."

It urged four mediation techniques for special types of cases:

1. Setting up a special conciliation panel of nationally known men.
2. Advisory panels for labor and industry members to aid the conciliator in mediation.

3. Voluntary arbitration of contracts but that contracts be written so as to make arbitration the final stage of grievance procedure.

4. Appointment by agreement of emergency boards of inquiry for cases of national importance where other means have failed, with hearings of issues in dispute and publication of findings.

Labor members of the committee include: AFL Organization Director Frank Fenton; AFL Economist Boris Shishkin; Clinton Golden, United Steel Workers (CIO) and Vice-Pres. Richard Leonard, United Auto

Farm Prices to Drop But Food Stays High

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The Agriculture Department said tonight that no "significant decline" in retail food prices is in prospect for the next few months despite an expected slump in farm prices.

It said food prices probably will not drop significantly before next spring at the earliest and that even then they will remain above pre-war levels.

THE SUPREME COURT yesterday refused to stay the deportation of 219 Javanese seamen who jumped ship in U.S. ports. Seamen face prison or death as rebels if they return to the Dutch East Indies.

Court also refused to review anti-trust convictions of Schine Chain Theaters, Inc., convicted earlier for withholding first-run movies from its competitors.

THE U.S. CIRCUIT COURT of Appeals in Washington yesterday upheld the government's right to negotiate union contracts governing hours and working conditions of supervisory employees in government-operated coal mines. There

was no ruling, however, on whether such supervisors may join rank and file labor unions and claim bargaining rights under the Wagner Act. The Supreme Court may act on the latter question.

A TWA Constellation en route from New York to Albuquerque, N.M., made an emergency landing in Columbus, O., yesterday without injury to any of the 54 passengers.

THE MAYOR of East St. Louis, Ill., and five other public officials were indicted yesterday on charges of malfeasance in office as a result of a Grand Jury inquiry into gambling in St. Clair county.

NATIONAL SCENE

COURT WON'T HELP JAVANESE SEAMEN

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Rites Held for 15 Victims Of Tenement Disaster

Funeral services were held yesterday morning for 15 persons, five of them members of one family, who were victims of the Washington Heights tenement fire early Thursday morning at 2515 Amsterdam Ave. in which 37 were killed. Mgrs. Philip J. Furlong, pastor of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church at 187th St. and Wadsworth Ave., held solemn requiem mass as scores of relatives, friends and neighbors came to pay final tribute to the victims.

Rites at 9 a.m. were held for Daniel Celodano, 25, a Navy veteran who was buried with his stillborn child. Mrs. Celodano gave birth prematurely to the child when she was critically injured in the disaster.

Next came services for Mrs. Mary LaGatta, 60, and her daughter Juliet, 27.

Seven-year-old Edgar Ramirez was next, and was followed by the Biancardi family—the mother, Elizabeth, 37; Joyce, 12; Anthony, 11; Lucille, 8; Maurice 6. Andrew Biancardi, 5, was the only survivor of the household. Mrs. Biancardi was estranged from her husband.

At 10 a.m. mass was held at Our Lady of Loretto Church, 303 Elizabeth St., for Joseph Arigo, 60.

A Fire Department funeral was held at Our Lady of Mercy Church, Manon Ave., and Fordham Rd., Bronx for Frank Moorehead, Jr., 27, the fireman who was killed while trying to save a man after the wall caved in.

Services were conducted during the afternoon at the Christ Episcopal Church in Yonkers for William J. Sampson, 28; his wife Marian, 27; and their year old son William J.

Services will be held today at St. Elizabeth church for 14 more persons, six of them, all members of Peter Sloan's family.

Panamanians Ask U.S. Withdrawal

PANAMA CITY, Dec. 16 (ALN)—The campaign to obtain return of bases occupied by American armed forces was renewed here when workers and students in the People's Party held a mass demonstration in the Plaza Santa Ana.

An agreement signed between Panama and the U. S. in 1942 called for the return of occupied bases to Panama on Oct. 30, 1946. Now the U. S. wants to negotiate to keep the bases. The labor movement and other progressive groups want the bases returned according to the original agreement before any new negotiations start.

Office Union Bars 'Interference'

Adherence to a non-partisan policy and a determination to take "every step to preserve its unity" was put forward in a Declaration of Policy made public by the CIO United Office and Professional Workers. The statement released by UOPWA president to a special post-card addressed to Lewis Merrill, adopted by the union's General Executive Board, will be discussed at an Extraordinary Policy Meeting of the union scheduled for Jan. 9.

While rejecting the charge of "Communist domination," the UOPWA also rejects control by "any groups of cliques."

"The UOPWA," declares the statement, "firmly resists any efforts by any group to control or dictate the

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Friends and neighbors grimly watch the procession of coffins leaving the church.

Transit Workers to Get Retroactive Pay Hike for Xmas

Thirty-three thousand transit workers will share in a pre-Christmas windfall Tuesday and Wednesday as they receive a total of six and a half million dollars in retroactive pay increases, it was announced today by Austin Hogan, president, TWU Local 100, CIO.

Mr. Hogan said: "The Transport Workers Union is gratified to hear the transit workers will receive their well-deserved retroactive pay increases. I wish to commend the efforts of Mayor O'Dwyer for his excellent contribution to the transit situation in overcoming the opposition on the part of real estate interests who attempted to block the increase and deprive the subway workers of their just raise."

Mr. Hogan attributed the transit victory, which brought a total of 18½ million dollars to subway workers, to the unity and support of the men behind the Transport Workers Union.

He also paid tribute to the patience of the men which kept them from taking drastic action despite the provocation of "certain parties" who were interested in forcing the subway workers into a situation which meant an end of normal operations.

Mr. Hogan also added, "the TWU is confident that our city government will, in the future, continue to cooperate in the same spirit to solve the many labor-relations problems which still remain unsolved."

with the current campaign of charges of "Communist domination" against the union.

"In accordance with its established policy, it will firmly oppose any efforts to interfere in its affairs by any political party, whether it be the Communist Party, the Socialist Party, the Republican Party or any other political party or fraternal society or religious organization or other outside organizations."

"Any effort to impose the viewpoint of outside organizations on the membership of the UOPWA will be met with the firmest exercise of union discipline. . . . Having no ulterior or subversive aims, the UOPWA will not permit the activities of the membership to be channeled into directions foreign to their interests and which create division in our ranks in our dealings with employers on fundamental economic questions."

The statement reaffirms support for the Declaration of Policy adopted at the CIO's Atlantic City convention and stresses the union's democratic constitution as a guarantee that UOPWA affairs are run by the membership.

"The question of communism is no issue in the UOPWA and its membership will not permit it to be made an issue by the defunct and exposed Dies Committee or anyone else," says the statement.

Kuomintang Opens Drive Northeast of Dairen

Kuomintang troops in China opened a drive against the Communists and liberated areas northeast of Dairen, largest seaport in South Manchuria yesterday, according to United Press reports.

Other reports said the Communists launched counter offensive against Wulukal, 15 miles north of Kirin. Communist troops were reported crossing the frozen Sungari river south of Harbin.

A Communist spokesman in Nanking claimed the Communists captured Chunghang in Shansi province, according to UP. The same report said that Chiang Kai-shek's troops had occupied three towns in South Hopei province.

Secret Police Assault Trade Union Leader

By Allied Labor News

S H A N G H A I.—Chu Hsueh-fan, president of the Chinese Association of Labor and a vice president of the World Federation of Trade Unions, is reported to have been attacked and seriously injured in the British colony of Hongkong, where he fled last month to avoid dictator Chiang Kai-shek's order for his arrest.

The personal assault on the union leader, which is laid to Kuomintang secret police, follows government confiscation of CAL properties, including hospitals and dormitories built with funds donated by the AFL and CIO. The Chinese government answered AFL and CIO protests by reporting that it had re-

turned the buildings, but in fact it is still holding them.

Chu, who used to be in the government's good graces, was put on Chiang Kai-shek's blacklist after the CAL declared its opposition to civil war and to American intervention on the side of the ruling party.

He was threatened after declining to expel unions in Communist-led China from the CAL and was driven into exile when he refused to take part in National Assembly meeting in Nanking. The Assembly, which was hand-picked and was called to rubber-stamp Chiang's civil war plans, was denounced by Chu as "undemocratic" and "in no way representative" of the Chinese people's wishes.

VA Gets Gift Of 15,000 Eyes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Fifteen thousand artificial eyes in a wide variety of colors and sizes have turned up as surplus property, the War Assets Administration said tonight.

The eyes, which were made in Germany and imported before the war, are being turned over to the Veterans Administration for use in hospitals. WAA said the eyes cost the government \$22,200 and are of the type used by the armed forces during the war.

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NEW YORK



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Landlord Mouthpiece Says Public Housing Sows Crime

Public housing was accused of spreading crime instead of decreasing it by the main speaker at the New York conference of real estate brokers and landlords held yesterday in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Commodore. The speaker, Arthur W. Binns, who was given a standing ovation at the end of his first address to the Eleventh Annual Metropolitan Realty Conference of the N. Y. Real Estate Boards Association, hailed the recent relaxation of federal housing controls as putting us "on the 20-yard line," of the complete relaxation of all government controls over housing and rents.

Binns, president of the National Home and Property Owners Foundation, which he claims has 100,000 members in 36 states, called himself "public Enemy No. 1 of public housing, a reactionary Pennsylvania Republican—who, however, doesn't trust either party because they are products of public opinion."

"Rent control is a sure device for less and less housing," he asserted,

and added that the federal housing program is a "plan for planned scarcity."

He also announced his organization was collecting a \$5,000,000 fund, the purpose of which was listed in a circular distributed to every person who attended. The circular held up free enterprise as being threatened by statism or national socialism, and stated that the one great end was to keep the country free from "Communistic influences."

A plea that the private builders and the government housing agencies should work together was made by State Commissioner of Housing Herman T. Stichman, a Dewey appointee. Stichman maintained private industry could not provide sufficient low-cost housing for the

underprivileged eight percent of the population in the lowest income group.

Stichman, who with Dewey has been doing a mostly verbal house-building job in the state, nevertheless came out against the \$80 maximum average rental as being too low for New York builders.

Sanitation Men Ask 11 Holidays

The CIO Sanitation Workers Union, Local 333, yesterday requested budget director Thomas J. Patterson to approve sufficient funds to provide 11 holidays a year for the workers of the Sanitation Department.

In a letter to Patterson the union pointed out that it had conferred on this matter with Sanitation Commissioner William J. Powell, who told them he was prepared to grant 11 holidays provided his department received funds for this purpose.

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Behind the Police Purge

AIM IS TO SHIELD POLICE DEPT., STRENGTHEN ANTI-LABOR ROLE

By Harry Raymond

The major purpose behind the current widespread Police Department shake-up is to strengthen the classic anti-labor role of the police arm of the local government. At the same time, the powers behind the purge are using a distorted picture of an unsolved election day murder in Labor Congressman Vito

Marcantonio's district to siphon off mounting criticism of long-standing corruption in the department.

Through sensational resignations, transfers and reprimands of high officers and wass-scale shifting of cops in lower echelons, these powers also aim to soften public wrath and pressure over the growing number of unsolved crimes.

Threads of circumstances surrounding the case which became the basis of the shake-up are the fact that Joseph Scottoriggio, the slain man, was a Republican election captain working against the Labor Congressman—were immediately seized upon and woven into a fantastic "red plot" by labor's most notorious foes. At the outset, and before a single angle of the case could possibly have been investigated, Gov. Dewey announced to the world Scottoriggio was killed by "left wingers."

And when District Attorney Frank S. Hogan, former assistant to Dewey in the prosecutor's office, hurried back from vacation to take the case in hand, the Dewey remark was presented as the official theory of the case. Communists, left wingers and other labor people were first objectives in Hogan's line of attack. They were quizzed about political views, about how they voted. Every person who was believed to have voted for Mancantonio or supported him became an immediate target. The Congressman was questioned twice, before the grand jury. An investigation of his election was launched by the House Committee on Campaign Expenditures.

But DeMartino and other East Manhattan policemen did refuse to go along with the "get Mancantonio" campaign. They did not believe such a theory of the Scottoriggio case would stand up in face of the facts as they knew them. They worked in the East Harlem district when Fiorello LaGuardia was the Congressman and went through all the campaigns of Mancantonio, who succeeded LaGuardia. Men long close to the scene, they knew Mancantonio was not one who advocated killing his opponents.

DeMartino was a man who knew his job was to defend the property "rights" of the capitalist, the boss's "right" to exploit the worker, the landlord's "right" to evict a tenant. He did that job. Yet, a series of living circumstances compelled him to balk at the idea of "getting" the Congressman.

(The use of the shake-up to cover up corruption in the police department will be discussed tomorrow.)

The sudden resignation of Assistant Chief Inspector John J. De-

Valentine Dies

Lewis J. Valentine, former New York Police Commissioner, died early yesterday morning. He was 64. His death was attributed to a liver ailment.

Valentine was retired after 42 years as a cop. He was commissioner for 11 years under the administration of former Mayor LaGuardia. Following his retirement he was invited to Tokyo to organize the Japanese police.



VALENTINE

Martino was the first external indication that a Police Department crisis had to be engineered to strengthen the Prosecutor's theory.

DeMartino, however, was not forced out, nor were Deputy Inspectors Patrick Kenney and John Sutter exiled from their East Manhattan commands because of their friendship with labor. They were never labor's friends. They have long records of brutal anti-labor activity—smashing picket lines, attacking demonstrations of the unemployed.

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Change the World

'That Tenement Tragedy Was Another Scene in a Long Brutal War'

By Mike Gold

THIS SUDDEN DEATH that came to men, women and children in a New York tenement collapse last week, hit home to many New Yorkers. Many of us must live in the same sort of rotten old dumps. The city officialdom remains a by-stander. It does little except for that police you have seen stuck up in numerous stores, restaurants and movie houses all over town.

The police is the familiar Fire Department warning "This building is unsafe for more than 103 persons," or 56, 89, 148, what ever the human load safety experts have figured out.



Our officials warn you that the house is dangerous—and they do nothing more. Meanwhile the people have to go on living and using such dangerous tenements. And the result is tragedy—stark and inevitable.

It was terrible to read newspaper reports on this Washington Heights tragedy. The 11-year-old boy, Adolph Popper, for instance, who smiled so bravely though caught under tons of wreckage. He kept calling to his younger brother to have courage. Crushed in awful pain, young Adolph kept trying for hours to reach the little brother, never knowing that the boy was already dead.

And, oh, the poor mothers, who died in such agony, shielding their babies at the breast, or fathers who came back from work to find all the dear family wiped out in mortal pain.

Almost every reporter said that the tenement with its heaps of smoking rubble in which people were trapped reminded one of the late war, and daily bombings of great cities like London, Leningrad and Warsaw.

Few mentioned that the tenement tragedy was part of a war as real and destructive as the military conflict. Here was a scene in the long and terrible war of the rich exploiters against the people. In this war, life, happiness and liberty of the masses were matched against billion-dollar profits of the exploiters, humanity versus dollars.

NEW YORK contains an awful number of dangerous old trembling firetraps, rat-ranches, bug-houses, places unchanged since the Civil War.



The Wrong Song: Baritone Kenneth Spencer (left) and actor Elliott Sullivan lead picket line sponsored by National Negro Congress in front of the Palace Theatre protesting the showing of Walt Disney's "Song of the South," which glorifies Jimcrow.

Daily Worker Photo by Peter

PESTBROOK WIGLER, ROVING REPORTER



"You'd think people would know better than to live in these wrecks."

THE FIRST TREATIES

- New Status Quo in Eastern Europe
- Weaken Internal Reaction

By James S. Allen

AFTER LONG NEGOTIATIONS, the peace treaties with Finland, Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania and Italy are finally to be signed. The first and preliminary round of treaty-making has been concluded.

By and large, there is every reason for satisfaction at the outcome. For the main significance of the treaties is that the Anglo-American bloc has had to recognize the new status quo in Eastern Europe.

With the exception of Italy, where Anglo-American control was established from the beginning, the former satellites of Hitler, Germany are well along the path of anti-fascist, democratic revolution.

In varying degree, further advanced in Bulgaria and Rumania than in Hungary and Finland, new democratic governments have arisen or are in the process of formation. Fascist elements are being eliminated. Some basic democratic reforms have been carried through. The old ruling circles linked with imperialism have been replaced. These countries are launched along a new progressive path.

AFTER A LENGTHY PERIOD of attempted intervention and pressure, Byrnes, Bevin and Co. have had to comply with the new situation. These pressures will undoubtedly continue, and reactionary forces within these countries will continue to receive the encouragement of the Anglo-American bloc.

But as a whole the treaties weaken the position of internal reaction and strengthen the new democratic forces. After the treaties are concluded, these new democracies will become eligible for membership in the United Nations. There they will add further strength to the forces ranged against imperialism.

The new democracies arising from the war have been successfully safeguarded by the Soviet Union from the actual and intended interventions of the Anglo-American bloc. They are now in a better position to consolidate their democratic gains and to extend them in the direction of socialism.

ON THE OTHER HAND, the treaty with Italy is concluded before the anti-fascist forces have had the opportunity to clear out fascist remnants and make the decisive turn towards a new progressive state.

From the start of the peace negotiation it was clear that Britain and the United States were seeking to consolidate their hold on

— Press Roundup —

Vet Housing End Ends New Deal Writers Say

THE POST'S Washington columnists Van Devander and Player declare: "The Emergency Veterans' Housing Program, initiated by Mr. Truman in the FDR manner, was the last manifestation of the Roosevelt spirit in this capital. Now it has collapsed, and President Truman's surrender has become complete."

THE WORLD-TELEGRAM is very happy Truman has scrapped the veterans housing program: "Headed Right At Last" says Scripps-Howard paper. It reasons that with the sky the limit on prices and rents and priorities ended for vets there will be "more room for veterans by vacating old homes." Wait for a home in the slums, the Telegram tells 3,000,000 vets in need of homes.

THE JOURNAL-AMERICAN praises the State Department for what it calls "wise" decisions to scrap international relief and to use food as an instrument of pressure on hungry peoples.

THE DAILY NEWS praises the Meader report on Germany, especially its smear of Negro soldiers. Without telling its readers about the NAACP protest against this report it cites the NAACP demand for another investigation, giving its readers the impression that the organization goes along with the anti-Negro prejudice of the News and the Meader report.

THE TIMES believes "The outstanding accomplishment of the General Assembly . . . is the unanimous adoption by 54 nations of a resolution calling for a world-wide reduction of armaments paced by the elimination of the atomic bomb and accompanied by an effective system of international inspection and control . . ." For the future peace, the Times recommends safeguarding "the precarious power balance now established . . ." It agrees with Tom Connally that the most dangerous weapon in the world today is not the atom bomb but "ideology." Is the Times afraid that propaganda for disarmament and peace will prevail over the propaganda of atomic diplomacy?

THE HERALD TRIBUNE says of the UN disarmament resolution that "while it is unlikely to produce general disarmament without months and years of work, at least it affords a practical foundation upon which that work can be carried forward in all its aspects." Perhaps those years would be shorter if we had not prevented a world war survey.

THE SUN finds "the number of persons who doubt whether the nations can ever get together in a workable international organization has been substantially reduced because of gains registered at Flushing Meadow and in committee meetings at Lake Success."

THE DAILY MIRROR calls Robert Nathan names because he proved statistically that big business profits are higher than in the war time and that wages can be raised without raising prices.

WORTH REPEATING

"To depict us Communists as opponents of trade union democracy is sheer nonsense. We advocate and consistently uphold the right of the trade unions to decide their problems for themselves. . . . We are prepared to come to terms as to the independence of the united trade unions of all political parties. But we are decidedly opposed to any dependence of the trade unions on the bourgeoisie, and do not give up our basic point of view that it is impermissible for trade unions to adopt a neutral position in regard to the class struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie." George Dimitroff, United Front Against Fascism, p. 130, New Century Publishers.

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Shifting National Income

THE SHARE of the national income for business is rising while the share for the mass of wage earners is declining.

This trend, accentuated by the continued decline of the purchasing power of wages, rise in prices and skyrocketing of profits to unheard of levels, is leading to an early depression.

The above gives in a nutshell what CIO President Philip Murray told the President's Council of Economic Advisers now preparing to submit a report to Mr. Truman.

Murray isn't merely voicing an opinion. He backs it with the government's own figures. A few days earlier a report prepared for the CIO by Robert R. Nathan Associates furnished evidence for the same thesis.

The rich, especially those with wealth in monopolies, are getting richer. The consumers of America's products are losing their savings, because their wages do not buy enough for a decent livelihood.

Viewed in that light, the talks of leaders of the "Big 3" CIO unions at Pittsburgh on strategy in the fight for new wage raises should be seen as talks that affect the welfare of all the little people of America.

Murray, warning of the conspiracy of the trusts, to siphon off still further the buying power of the people and impose it upon America through repressive legislation, went further. He has called upon AFL and Railroad Brotherhood leaders to join with the CIO for joint action to combat this trend towards disaster. The idea of united labor action or else . . . is catching on.

All unionists, irrespective of affiliation, are feeling the effects of our wage-price-profit trend equally. And the vast majority of labor's "natural" allies in the agriculture, small business and professional fields, know well that they are next in line to feel the effect.

A policy of the people vs. the trusts, as Murray puts it, carried out under labor's UNITED leadership, could win the great majority of Americans both for wage increases and the other measures labor suggests to "cushion" our economy.

Not One Brick for Vets, But—

A FRIEND of ours who served four of the best years of his life in the disease-infested South Pacific fighting for his country is about to become a father.

Married a few months before he went into the Army, he and his wife kept their courage up through the four years of loneliness and frustration by dreaming of a home and family.

Back a little more than a year, home for him; his wife and his malaria has been reduced to a single small bedroom in a cramped Bronx apartment. Soon they will share the bedroom with the baby.

But a grateful country has seen to it that the materials that did not go into the home our friend needs has at least made it possible for m'lady to shop with greater comfort at the shiny new ten-story building which Lane Bryant is opening next month at Fifth Ave. and 40 St.

No building materials, the real estate interests shrieked when the millions of homeless vets clamored for a place to live. But, somehow, Lane Bryant found the materials, even if it meant that not one single new apartment house could be opened in New York in all of 1946.

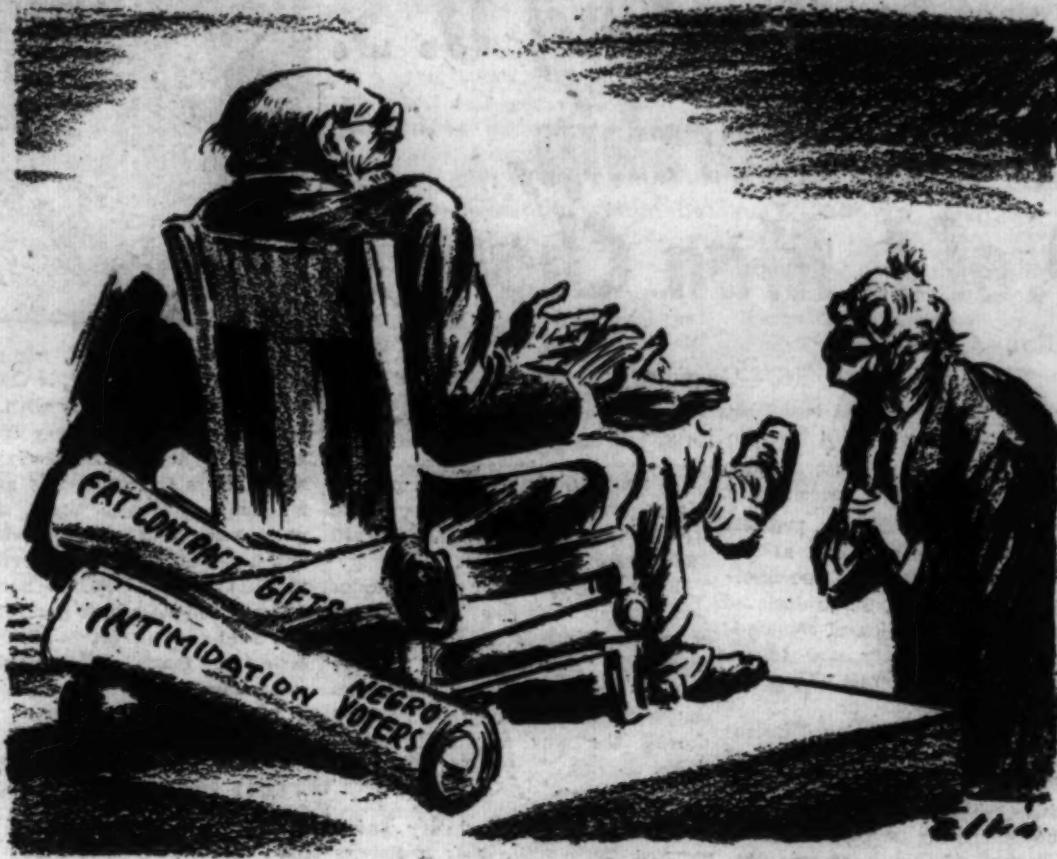
There is, after all, not much dough in building houses for vets who earn a measly workingman's wage. There is plenty in building department stores for the smart trade.

Up until last week, the vets had a few guys in Washington battling for them against the conscienceless, rapacious real estate crowd. Now Truman, again kowtowing to that crowd, has gotten rid of even those few guys and their program so that more Lane Bryants and \$15,000 homes and \$80 apartments can be built in place of homes the vet can afford.

But the realty crowd is grumbling that Truman forgot to throw in rent controls when he scuttled the housing program. This is an oversight he will quickly remedy unless the fight in defense of controls gets hotter.

We don't think our friend and the millions of vets in his position will take the Truman order lying down. We suspect they will fight back—and hard.

'I'M INNOCENT'



Letters From Our Readers

Crocodile Tears
In the 'Sun' New York
 Editor, Daily Worker:

Of no trivial significance are the following editorial statements in the New York Sun of Dec. 7: "One reason for regretting the resignation of Wilson Wyatt as 'expeditor' of the Federal housing program is that his successor will have to face some of the same conditions that discouraged him. Mr. Wyatt's initial error was in expecting too much from Federal control of materials and prices. When price ceilings vanished, the emergency housing program received a setback."

And precisely who is responsible for the "vanishing" of price ceilings? On this side, the Sun will remain hermetically silent. But a large majority of the public knows that it was the sinister coalition of plutocratic-minded Republicans and feudal-minded Democrats in the last Congress that put an end to price ceilings and controls, with the result that the housing situation grows worse and the cost of living generally mounts.

A. G. DIAZ.

Raps Aid to Franco Tyranny New York
 Editor, Daily Worker:

The British are making war against the Jews in Palestine and the exploited people of Greece. The American State Department is helping foment civil war in China. Together both governments help the Franco tyranny in Spain to remain in power.

Atombomb imperialism and dollar diplomacy as represented by Byrnes and Bevin is being used by the Anglo-American axis for monopoly domination.

A. D.

Milt Murray Couldn't
Reply to Morris in Debate
 Jackson, Fla.
 Editor, Daily Worker:

We're mighty proud of George Morris. Just heard his debate with Milton Murray, and he proved beyond doubt that red-baiting is just a screen to hide the issues of the day. Milton Murray, as with all who red-bait, had to go into a tantrum about nothing, it was the only answer he could give to specific problems.

If only more people had the opportunity to listen and if more of our people were given the opportunity to broadcast the truth, how quickly red-baiting would become a dead duck.

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VIEWS ON LABOR NEWS

OPERATION WALL STREET

By George Morris

"OPERATION WALL ST." may sound to you like an item out of a financial page of a newspaper, but it isn't. It is an undertaking to bring the earnings of the men and women who count the billions of dollars to a level that would afford a decent living standard.



Ironically, the 75,000 people who actually handle the cash at the seat of the world's largest concentration of financial and industrial wealth, earn from \$5 to \$15 a week less than the average weekly earnings of the men and women on assembly lines.

Financial Employees Guild, Local 96 of the CIO United Office and Professional Workers notes that the average earnings of employees in bank and brokerage houses runs \$2,013 a year. President S. Sloan Colt of Bankers Trust "earned" \$2,027 a week during 1944. Colt and John Jones, one of his clerks, are listed as just employees. The accounts list the income of both under "wages."

Bank employees have learned from the hard facts since October, 1929 just as Americans generally have learned. Back in the balmy twenties the corrupting air of Prosperity blinded many. Everything seemed as exiting as a hot crap game. Even the \$25 clerk often forgot his stomach as he watched the dizzy rise of stocks.

He delighted as he watched his own paltry couple of shares rise in price as though the ballooning will continue until he could roll in wealth.

WHEN THE BUST came, it hit all of us. But it literally blew in the faces of the men and women in the counting houses. Old timers of the "Street" tell of the forced vacations, wage slashes, layoffs, longer working hours for those retained, and "Scotch" (payless) weeks.

They tell of the tragedies in the homes of people who, though low-paid, gave at least a surface impression that they live better than industrial workers.

Wall Street's wage earners didn't travel as fast as industrial workers. To this day the bulk of them are in no union. But the fact that a union, the UOPWA, has

embarked on a major drive to organize them, is a sign of the change that has taken place.

The little people on the "Street" see another depression close. They see how many of the vast industrial monopolies of the nation toppled before union organizing drives. They see how the UOPWA brought the 32,000 employees of the largest corporations in the world, Metropolitan Life — and most other major insurance companies, under controls and substantial improvements.

The ice is breaking. "Operation Wall Street" is showing results. Last month the first bank strike, at Merchants Bank of New York, ended with a contract with raises ranging from \$36 to \$80 a month for each of the 90 employees. Also, full pay for time lost while on strike.

THE UOPWA'S organizing staff is now having the double task of both organizing and negotiating. Two elections were won on one day, 131 to 69 at the Trust Co. of New Jersey, and 39 to 2 at East Brooklyn Savings. A few days later the first brokerage house—Hertzfeld and Stern — went CIO by 39 to 14. On that same day, 184 Brooklyn employees of Title Guarantee and Trust staged a half-hour stoppage. Only one employee of that branch disregarded the action staged to hurry negotiations affecting a total of 450 of the company's employees.

Irving Trust went UOPWA, 146 to 61. The small success achieved so far is enough to indicate the trend.

But it won't be easy. The financial oligarchy, main source of American reaction, will not watch the workers under its very nose go on strike without a hard fight. But that fight must not be left to the UOPWA alone. Nor is the struggle confined to a few blocks of the financial district.

The bank clerk at the branch office who cashes your pay check or its guard who greets you, is as much on object of the UOPWA's drive as a clerk or guard at a Wall St. bank. This is truly a battle of the people vs. the trusts. The men and women on the assembly line of gold will be a powerful asset to progressive America—if organized.

Trusts Heading U. S. To Dictatorship, D. of J. Man Charges

By Ruby Cooper

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Growing monopoly power will take the nation down the road toward "scarcity, poverty and the loss of democratic institutions," Wendell Berge, Department of Justice Anti-Trust Division Director, warned in a speech here.

Claiming the monopoly problem is today more serious than at any time since the passage of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, Berge declared "that the concentration of economic power in this country now towers above any previous crest of monopoly in our history."

The Anti-Trust Division Director addressed a dinner meeting here of the local chapter of the New Council of American Business.

"The American people no longer have control of their economic destiny," Berge pointed out.

"It is sheer delusion to believe that we can tolerate regimentation by monopoly without in time necessitating regimentation by government."

Reviewing the gains made by monopoly during the war years, Berge stated that "more than 500,000 small business concerns were eliminated from the market during the war years."

2/3 OF FACILITIES

The 250 largest corporations in this country now hold approximately two-thirds of the nation's useable manufacturing facilities. This group alone either owns or is in a position to control facilities equivalent to those of all manufacturing corporations in 1938."

Emphasizing that monopoly power is heading the country toward an economic crisis and dictatorship, Berge declared "if monopoly power follows its traditional course, we expect higher price, limitations on production and a lowering in the level of employment."

BULGARIAN PRESIDENT DISCUSSES:

The Greek Frontier Dispute

By John Pittman

SOFIA, Dec. 16.—Acting President Vasil Kolaroff of the Republic of Bulgaria today declared that both the Bulgarian people and the government have been most friendly with the Greek people and cited the good neighborly relations on three other boundaries as proof of the Bulgarian role as a force for peace in the Balkans and the world.

Kolaroff outlined Bulgarian achievements and objectives in a comprehensive statement which included the explanation of the question of Western Thrace and the record of friendship between the American and Bulgarian people.

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JOAN CRAWFORD, named in a \$200,000 damage suit, is charged by Mrs. Pauline McKay with having retarded her recovery from a mental ailment. Mrs. McKay asserted Miss Crawford was among a group of Warner Bros. studio personnel which witnessed electric shock treatments for schizophrenia administered to her last June at the Pasadena Sanitorium. She said the spectators who were collecting material for a movie caused her to suffer a relapse.

Greek Unions Barred From Electing Heads

ATHENS, Dec. 16 (ALN)—Any union which refuses to accept government-appointed leaders in place of those elected by the membership will lose its legal rights, according to a new order from the government-appointed leaders of the General Confederation of Labor. The government-appointed leaders are circularizing all affiliated unions, asking that they declare in writing within 10 days that they will accept government-appointed leaders and will recognize their decisions as binding.

Arrest Leaders Of Greek Tobacco Union

ATHENS, Dec. 15. (ALN)—Secretary of the Greek Tobacco Workers Federation has been arrested with six other labor leaders in Salonica and threatened with deportation as "dangerous to public order." Arrests directly followed the announcement of a new wage drive by tobacco workers.

Chinese CP Charges UNRRA Food Withheld

By Helen Simon

SHORTLY AFTER V-J DAY, puppet troops were holding the city of Tungming in the Communist Border Region of China. They were under siege by Communist armies, but the Kuomintang had ordered the puppets to hold out until they could surrender to Chiang Kai-shek's north-bound troops.

At this point CNNRA—UNRRA's Chinese distributing agency—was eager to send relief supplies into the beleaguered town. It allocated 200 tons of flour for this purpose.

Before the flour could be delivered, the Communists entered the town and disarmed the puppets.

The people were as hungry as ever, but orders came through from headquarters: no flour for Tungming until the Communists leave.

NOW CHINESE Communists are demanding that a fair portion of the UNRRA supplies still to be distributed in China go to Communist-liberated areas.

These areas, which include one-third of China's population, have received only one and one-half percent of UNRRA relief so far. Yet the guerrilla warfare that raged there throughout the Japanese occupation brought special devastation, disease and famine.

In staking their claim the Communists charged extreme discrimination has been practised by CNRA.

This charge is especially interesting in light of the State Department's insinuations of left-wing interference with relief in countries like Albania and Yugoslavia.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT uses this alleged interference to

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Mine, Mill Local Board Hears Gil Green Talk On CP Role in Unions

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Vigorously denying that Communists seek to take over trade unions, Gil Green, state chairman of the Illinois Communist Party outlined the aims and objectives of his organization at a meeting of the executive board of Local 758, Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers last Tuesday, the union announced.

His appearance before the board had been requested by unanimous agreement of the board members—and was made because of the hysterical red-baiting campaign that had been recently conducted.



GREEN

within the union by a handful of factionalists in their attempt to undermine the international leadership of the union.

Green's talk made it plain that Communists do not seek control of the trade union movement, nor do they desire to place any program or policies upon the union which are in contradiction to the union's goal of improving the economic and political welfare of its membership.

"All we Communists ask," Green declared, "is that we be given the same rights and privileges as members of any other political party or bona fide organization of the workers to participate in and assist in day to day struggles of the working class to achieve a better standard of living."

"We ask no special favors or

Big 3 CIO Unions Meet on Policy

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 16.—Leaders of the "Big Three" CIO unions conferred here today at offices of the United Steelworkers on policy and joint action for a wage raise.

The outcome of the conference is expected to decide whether a "one-at-a-time" or a joint fight is to be waged. The three unions have well over 2,000,000 members.

Participating for the USA are president Philip Murray and assistant presidents Van A. Bittner and James Thimmes, general counsel Lee Pressman and secretary-treasurer David J. McDonald; for the United Automobile Workers, president Walter Reuther, secretary-treasurer George F. Ades and vice-president Richard T. Leonard; for the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, president Albert J. Fitzgerald, secretary-treasurer Julius Emspak and organization director James Matles.

The UAW has already announced its decision to ask for 23½ cents an hour, a welfare fund and equalization of rates. The other two unions have not yet made their demands known.

Spread the Word!

If you have a friend who is interested in basketball tell him that the Daily Worker sports page is famous, yes famous, for its full and inside coverage and analysis of the Garden games.

In Memoriam

IN MEMORIAM of our Father and Grandfather, JOHN LACKO of Chicago, Illinois who passed away December 17th, 1945

Daughter Anne, Husband John and Grandsons.

CIO, AFL UNITE FOR ACTION AT AVIATION CO.

By William Allan

DETROIT, Dec. 16.—United labor action in the fight to bring job security for the workers in the plants of the powerful Aviation Corp. was established recently at a conference in Cleveland by six UAW-CIO locals, AFL representatives and delegates of the Associated Unions of America (Independent).

The meeting was called by UAW-CIO vice-president R. J. Thomas, representatives and delegates from all three unions reported continued attacks by the company on their local unions. Case after case was cited of discrimination because of union activity.

Immediate result of the conference was the formation of a national Aviation Corp. Council composed of UAW-CIO, AFL and Associated Unions of America.

First action of the united labor

body was to send a letter to Victor Emanuel, Aviation Corp. president, stating the company "does not bargain in good faith, does not live up to its written contracts and engages in union busting." The committee of CIO, AFL and independent unions requested a meeting with the corporation.

The three union groups will meet within the next week to draft a contract to be presented to the corpora-

tion after the first of the year.

The Aviation Corporation is one

of the giant monopolies of America

with tentacles reaching into virtually every industry and section of the nation.

By the end of 1945, total assets of companies owned outright by the Aviation corporation amounted to no less than \$6.3 million. Assets of other companies controlled by AVCO amounted to an additional \$449.3 million.

Something to Get Burnt-Up About

WILDER, Ky., Dec. 16.—Fire today destroyed the bottling plant and thousands of gallons of whisky at the Pebble-Ford distillery here.

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A Reader Sizes Up

'The Big Game'

By Bill Mardo

A CLEVER PARODY on current events has been penned by Frank Mucci of Springfield, Illinois. It's called "The Big Game," and here's the dope on it:

There is a lot of talk these days about the coming Bowl football games but I would like to comment on the big "game" which has been going on in the Life League. The League has a year-round schedule and the stakes in this big "game" are higher than the goal posts.

Over the years there have been two outstanding teams in this League, the veteran deceptive eleven, the Exploiters from Wall St. College and the up and coming hard hitting Workmen team of People's University.

Following are the line-ups which have been used in recent play between the two teams.

EXPLOITERS

	WORKMEN
Herbert Huer	R.E. Wyte Caller
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A.P. Press	Q.B. Steele Mann
Harry T. Whitehouse	F.B. Adam Miner

The Exploiters have been using what is known as the "Capitalist" formation, but in recent years it has not worked so well. Some of the heavier and more alert Workmen ball carriers have been breaking thru for some good gains.

In an effort to bolster their team, the Exploiters brought Harry T. Whitehouse into their line-up. Harry T., who is definitely graduating in 1948, fumbles quite a bit but has much power.

In the game last month the Exploiters were unable to make any big gains thru the Workmen line, so the Wall St. strategists decided to try for a field goal. They sent Whitehouse in to block and "Beef" Packinghouse to kick. The play worked. Packinghouse booted pig skin and all high between the goal posts for an extra three points.

In the game last week Harry T. Whitehouse again starred, with some help from the substitute, N. Junction, he broke thru the Workmen defense and threw Adam Miner for a 10 yard loss. The play was on the right side of the line, where J. L. Lools was playing at guard. J.L. did not hold, with the result that Adam Miner who was carrying the ball was stopped in his tracks.

Lools talks like a football player but actually his play has hurt the Workmen squad. He definitely is not a team player and insists on playing a one man game. That type of playing no longer works in this league. The lads from the People's University are fast arriving to the conclusion that their team can only make gains by greater teamwork and coordination.

One thing noticeable in the play of the Exploiters is that their backfield has been hitting I.M. Black, Workmen's Left Guard, very hard. In trying to break thru Black's end of the line, they have disregarded all the rules and have resorted to the dirtiest kind of football tactics ever seen on any field.

The Exploiters have been having some success thru the use of fake plays, which have been directed at the Workmen's Left End, C.P. Marx. In all of these fake plays, "Red" Herring has run the interference for the Wall St. gang.

Another thing which has helped the Exploiter eleven is that some of the less experienced Workmen linemen, instead of keeping their eyes on the ball, have been paying too much attention to the enemy Quarterback, A.P. Press, when he calls signals.

The Exploiter outfit is confident that they are going to make some big gains in future play, they are banking heavily on the new player, Nuconn Gress whom they acquired in November.

It is reported that the Workmen have some new timber in the offing, there is much talk about a new player, a young giant who is about to enroll at the People's University. His name is Thurd Partie. Those in the know say he is terrific and that his entrance into the game will revolutionize American football as we know it.

As this is written, it's the Exploiters ball on the Workmen's 40 yard line. The Exploiter team seems all set to drive to goal. But my money is on the Workmen because they are fast overcoming their main weakness, the lack of coordinated teamwork, once this is achieved, which I am sure it will, the Workmen will be invincible.

FRANK MUCCI.

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THEY SAY: Good Southern 5s Meet NYU, LIU

Chatting with the coaches at the basketball writers' weekly luncheon at Toots Shor's yesterday:

CLAIRE BEE: "We haven't got a good team. I've tried to tell everyone that, maybe now you'll believe me. Everybody wants to score. Nobody wants to pass. I saw Texas Saturday and they're better than Oklahoma A. & M." (We still don't believe you, Claire. Any team with Holub, Miller, Smith, Goldsmith and Lipman under your direction is going to be well in the black by season's end.)

JACK GRAY, TEXAS: "We're a small team, after our 6-7 center and one boy of 6-3 the rest run 5-10. There's trouble making the transition to Eastern officiating but it can be done. Texas basketball is coming along. We're not basketball conscious down here—the weather is too nice around January and February. But we have a state interscholastic league with 1,600 high schools playing and winding up in a tourney for the state championship at our school. For us, coming to the Garden is a big thrill, like the Rose Bowl must be to a football player." (With all the 1,600 high schools to draw from, Al Madson of the starting five comes all the way from Milwaukee. The others are Texans—and pretty good too.)

HOWARD CANN: "A lot of people were discouraged over the St. Francis thing but not me. They always make it tough and will beat some good teams. We're deep, six or seven deep. That's how I like CCNY."

NYU and LIU man the local ramparts against invading teams from the South tonight at Madison Square Garden. The Violets face a big team from Arkansas while the Brooklyn Blackbirds meet Texas.

Arkansas will be remembered as the team that dropped a tough one to NYU here last winter. The Razorbacks were beaten 63-62 when Sid Tannenbaum made two free throws in the final five seconds. They are a hard running team of tall men. Tonight however, they will miss Melvin McGaha, one of their aces who is practicing with the

it. Sixteen players don't help much. You got a lot of discontented cows sitting around all the time."

JULIE BENDER, BROOKLYN: "CCNY looked wonderful to me. They have everything. That Dam-brot is going to be the best player in the city. And Mason Benson once went to Brooklyn—I could sure use him. We have a good, spirited bunch at Brooklyn but they have a lot to learn yet."

NAT HOLMAN: "You said it all already. They're making me happy."

GENE LAMBERT, ARKANSAS:

"We got the greatest respect for the way New York teams play. I tell my boys to imagine the fastest moving and passing and trickiest bunch they can and that's NYU or LIU on them."

WE PICK: NYU over Arkansas. Texas over LIU. (Record: 11 out of 12.)

football team for the game against Louisiana State New Year's Eve in the Cotton Bowl. His absence will hurt.

NYU is regarded as possibly one of the best in the nation. But it too may miss one of its starters tonight as Ray Lump has a side injury. The Violets however will be comfortably favored.

Texas, with a veteran team starring a good big center in 6-7 John Langdon, has won its first five games, including a ten point victory over Canisius at Buffalo Saturday night. It meets an LIU team which staggered past Oklahoma A&M by one point on the strength of Goldsmith's set shooting.

LIU's big returnees from the war are slowly shedding their rust and undoubtedly will wind up the season much more coherent than they are now. Though they will be avored tonight, Texas' veteran aggregation may be the team to hang defeat No. 1 on them.

About "Bookies", Odds

The latest news developments on the attempted bribe of two New York Giant football players are dealt with elsewhere in the paper. Here is some explanation of "bookies" and "odds."

In Sunday's game the books named the Bears favorites by 10 points. That means that when someone bet on the Bears, as the big gambling syndicate represented by Paris did, he would win only if the Bears won by 11 points or more. The 10-point finish represented a

All betting on sports events is illegal in New York State. Bookmaking, the accepting of bets, is illegal. The only legal betting is on the horses. In 1946 there was

who bet on the Giants Sunday lost their bets by one point. This is known as the "bookies' spread," and is what makes them rich at the expense of the suckers. In basketball, for example, you don't just bet on which team will win. A will be 7-5 over B. That means if you bet your \$5 on A, they have to win by eight points or better. If you put your money on B, B must finish within four points for you to collect.

It is obvious that if sports is to generally remain above suspicion a real crackdown must be made against these very well-known and easily-identified gambling syndicates, who, by the fact of their big bets and lack of scruples will otherwise continue to try to find corruptible players in big events.

\$407,105,748 bet on the horses in New York State. Nationally the figure was \$1,766,478,950.

In the Giant-Bear scandal, the admittedly guilty "big better" Paris tried to get Giant backs Merle Hapes and Frank Filchock to try to insure a better than 10-point win

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10:30—WNBC—Red Skelton Show
WOR—The Symphonette
WJZ—Bob Olson, Interview
WCBS—Open Hearing

11:00—WNBC, WOR—News
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WQXR—News; Symphony Hour

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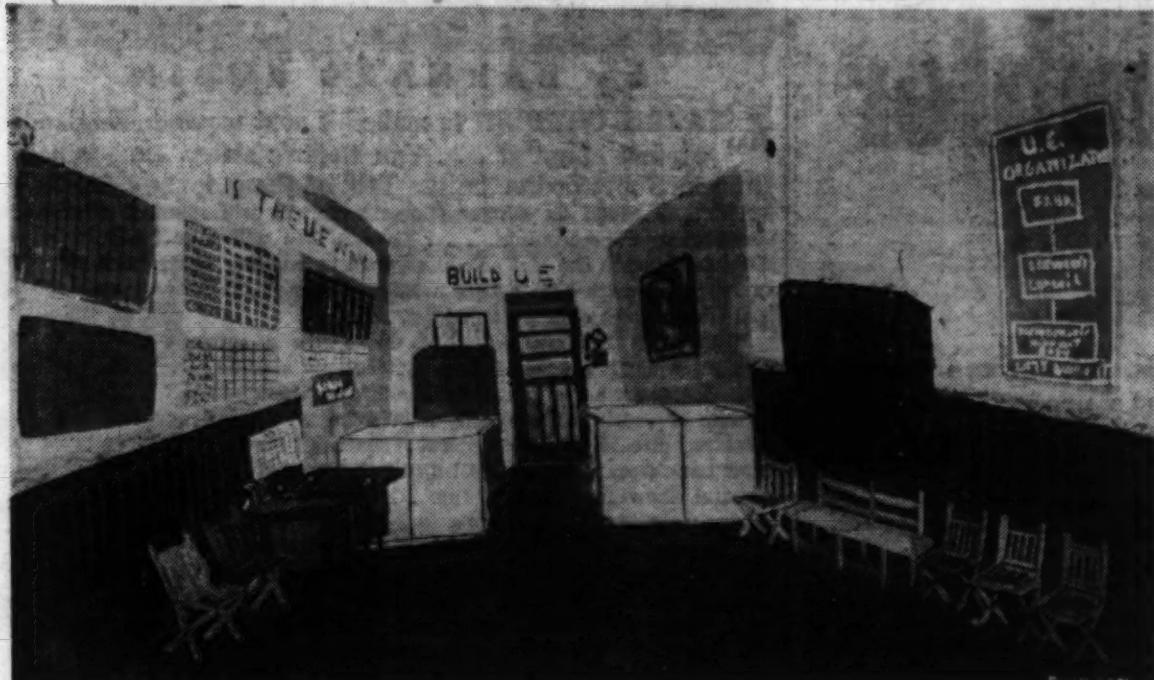
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Disagrees with Review Of Ralston Crawford Show

Editor, Daily Worker:

I want to register a disagreement with Marion Summers' angry, and in the main justified review of the Ralston Crawford pictures of the Bikini test. Whether he intended it or not, his article makes an unfair identification of abstract art with reactionary politics. He now appears to express prejudices which have been latent or only partly evident in his criticism for some time.

Those prejudices, I feel, can do much to hamper the development not only of art in general, but of our own class conscious painters and sculptors.

Mr. Summers writes that the political implications of Bikini could not have been lost "even upon an abstract artist." This is unworthy irony. Mr. Summers knows perfectly well that there are many abstract artists in our own ranks upon whom political implications are by no means lost. (I prefer not to drag in Picasso).

I do not think that he has succeeded in proving that their art is in such opposition to their belief that they should abandon it. His ex cathedra judgment only serves to alienate loyal creative people who have given much thought to their social responsibilities and perhaps an equal amount to their work as artists.

Mr. Summers reports that Crawford's paintings do not even offer us "an equivalent visual weakness

CHARLES HUMBOLDT.

Wanted for Murder

Stark tragedy and murder stalk the screen of the Victoria Theater in the British film *Wanted For Murder*, with the English actor Eric Portman as the psychopathic strangler of women, aided by a supporting cast of obliging female victims.

Taking their cue from the Hollywood trend, the English film-makers have produced another in the seemingly endless cycle of horror films with insanity as the central motive for murder. Scotland Yard solves this one with nonchalance and ease, accompanied by the usual "cheerios" and all that sort of thing. Wrap up *The Lodger*, *Gaslight*, *Rage in Heaven*, *Night Must Fall* and others of the species in a few thousand feet of celluloid, give them a Hollywood British accent and you have *Wanted For Murder*.

A. D.



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'Abie's Irish Rose'

Three More Groups Lash Crosby Film

People's Radio Foundation, Stage For Action and Irish-American Lodge 840 IWO have joined the swelling chorus of protest against Bing Crosby's anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic movie *Abie's Irish Rose*.

Milton Robertson, director of People's Radio Foundation writes: "Recently, an organization has seen fit to release the film *Abie's Irish Rose*. We remember only too well when *Abie's Irish Rose*, as a radio serial, was an indication of not only the worst taste but the worst type of discrimination that both the characters of the play and the radio audience were submitted to."

"Peoples Radio Foundation feels that *Abie's Irish Rose*, as a film, will do the same damage to minority groups that it did on the air. We join with all those progressive forces who demand that such a film be withheld from presentation. We advocate a freedom of the air and a freedom of the screen, as well as a freedom of any other art form, but when this freedom is abused and is used to abuse minority groups, those responsible should be restricted. People's Radio Foundation goes on record as being opposed to and is dedicated to help in every way to stop the creation and offering of such film or radio fare."

Alex Leith, executive director, Stage For Action: "I've heard liberals' defend Papa Levy and Patrick Murphy with the claim that their prototypes exist in life. This is nonsense. Levy and Murphy are not valid characters. They are vicious stereotypes and only those who have been poisoned by these stereotypes could identify them with any living prototypes. As a result *Abie's Irish Rose* is not only vicious fare but theatrically unpalatable."

James Dempsey, chairman, Irish-American Lodge 840 International Workers Order: "I certainly agree that the film *Abie's Irish Rose* should be condemned as anti-Semitic and anti-Catholic. It is definitely an insult to the Irish race in view of the opinion of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Put the Irish-American Lodge 840 IWO on record as protesting the showing of this film."

"The most rewarding theatre event of the season," —Daily Worker. "A brilliant, distinguished work of enormous power and impact." —Watts Post. LILLIAN HELLMAN'S NEW PLAY *ANOTHER PART OF THE FOREST* FULTON THEATRE, 46th St. W. of B'way, Cl. S-6330. Evngs. 8:40. Matinees WED. and SAT. 2:40.

Prim Librarian Finds Bliss in 'Pink Ladies'

By John Reiner

Happy Birthday, a new comedy by Anita Loos, at the Broadhurst, is frankly a vehicle for its star, Helen Hayes. The play is a field day for her, giving her an opportunity, among other antics, to sing and dance. Whether she does these things well or not is beside the point—(some of the singing, I understand, is dubbed in). It is rather that, since we associate her name with stardom and characterizations of distinction, she is now ingratiating herself to her audiences by letting her hair down.

It is a pleasant play to watch, because it is so well produced and so smoothly directed. But any analysis of the play uncovers its tissue paper make. You might call it a fantasy of wish fulfillment, in the grossy tradition of Hollywood escapism.

DREAM WORLD

Addie Bemie, a plain and prim librarian comes to the Jersey Mecca cocktail bar, to warn the blond and handsome clerk in her bank that her father, known to the neighborhood as a tough drunk, is out looking for him. She had told her father that he was her fiancee, in order to conceal the fact that she went to the bank to make deposits.

Once the clerk arrives, with his red-headed and luscious fiancee, and Addie delivers her warning, she is reluctant to leave. Despite her sobriety, she accepts several Pink Ladies. As her giddiness increases, her tongue loosens, and her dreams, her pathetic attempts to ward off loneliness, and fill the emptiness of her ordered life, are uncovered. Although the clerk politely tries to get rid of her, two bored harridan barflies, anticipating some laughs, egg Addie on as a tipsy determination is born in her to steal the clerk, whom she secretly loves, away from his fiancee.

The play projects Addie's inner sensations, as she sings and dances and continues to injudiciously imbibe from any bottle that lights up at the bar. Her fantasy creates a giant pocketbook, dollar bills, checkbook, and fountain pen, with which she decides to throw a birthday party for a lonely girl at the bar. A barstool and table rise up magically, and flowers salute her. Not unexpectedly, after Addie helps to un-



HELEN HAYES

cover the bank clerk's fiancee as a kept woman, she gets her blond and handsome man.

The opening sequences are believably done, as are those that show the transition from the external world to Addie's inner state of inebriated bliss.

But I wouldn't be surprised if the next morning in the moments of respite her hangover would allow her, Addie realized the fool she made of herself the night before, and recognizes too that the husband she got is no bargain, because the author takes for granted the obvious untruth that others see us as we see ourselves.

Addie says something toward the end of the play about her doing all this drinking just once. Unfortunately, the insertion of a line or two fails to counteract the appealing bid the play makes for the pleasant escape drinking is supposed to offer.

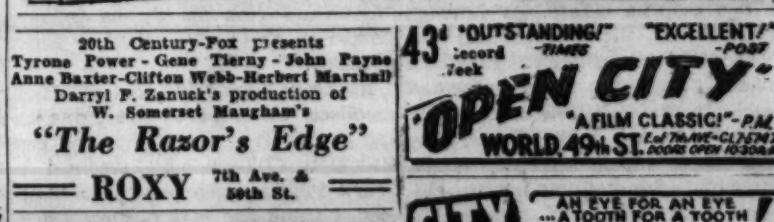
The shallowness of the play equals the superficial but appealing characterizations; the dialogue is pedestrian, as is the warmed-over humor. The production is well-cast and directed with a sure hand by Joshua Logan.

BRIEFS

Trinidad's gay carnival in miniature, titled *Calypso at Midnight* will be transplanted to the Town Hall stage Saturday night, Dec. 21, at 11:30 p. m., when the "Midnight Special," mythical folk-music train of People's Songs, makes its fourth run of the series. The cream of the rhymers and singers of Calypso songs who have made this engaging music universally popular, Lord Invader, Duke of Iron, Macbeth, Gerald Clark and his band and a troupe of dancers will be on hand to present a full program.

The People's Culture Union will hold a benefit performance on Jan. 11, 1947 to raise money for a legal defense fund to aid Don West, author of *Cleeds of Southern Earth*, who is being sued for libel by reactionary forces in the South.

Great-Concord Repertory Theatre (a division of this union) will perform a dramatized version of *Cleeds of Southern Earth* and Frank Volney's *Soldier of Freedom*, a poetic drama. The performance will be at the Malin Auditorium. Tickets (\$1 and \$2) may be purchased directly by mail from the People's Culture Union, P.O. Box 1001, Grand Central Annex, N. Y. C.



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Jury Indicts Gambler In Grid Scandal

The Grand Jury late yesterday indicted Alvin Paris, 28, on two counts of attempted bribery of members of the New York Giants' professional football team. Paris was charged with allegedly trying to have star backs Merle Hapes and Frank Filchock "throw" Sunday's championship game with the Chicago Bears.

Hapes was declared ineligible for the game shortly before kickoff time when the "fix" charges were brought by police to the attention of Bert Bell, Commissioner of the National Football League. Filchock played and threw two scoring passes for the Giants, who lost 24-14.

Police last night were seeking five or six other members of a big-time gambling syndicate, supposedly operating out of Elizabeth, New Jersey. It was not known whether Paris had revealed their identity.

Paris will be arraigned in General Sessions Court tomorrow. He is locked up, under bail of \$28,000-\$25,000 on the bribery counts and \$3,000 on a bookmaking charge.

Before returning its indictment against Paris, a flashy Broadway spender, the Grand Jury heard Hapes and Filchock relate the alleged bribery try, and took testimony from District Attorney Frank S. Hogan and several unidentified witnesses.

In a lengthy confession, Paris said he had contacted both Hapes and Filchock, and, it is charged, offered them \$2,500 in cash, plus a \$1,000 bet on the Bears if they



FRANK FILCHOCK
In the Clear

Time to Clean House

AN EDITORIAL

The burglar alarm has sounded. The near success of an attempt by a big gambling syndicate to fix the New York Giant-Chicago Bear professional football championship game here Sunday calls for the most decisive kind of action.

New Yorkers want to keep their sports clean. Remembering the glossing-over of the Brooklyn College basketball scandal last year, they will not be satisfied again with any perfunctory investigation ending in sound and fury against a few little bookmakers who were merely the front men for the big gambling houses.

It is common knowledge around town that many of these big syndicates operate freely. This has come to be accepted as almost part of the municipal structure, just as tin boxes were years ago.

Now that these illegal groups are exposed in the act of attempting to corrupt athletes it's more than high time for the city authorities to REALLY crack down, and all the way.

Get the big guys.

would agree to "toss" the game for the Giants. He was turned down.

Police reportedly were on the trail of the gamblers during the past two weeks, after receiving a tip from a closely guarded source.

Tim Mara, prosperous owner of

the Giants, professed surprise and ignorance over gambling in professional sporting events, declaring,

"All this betting and the newspapers printing the odds and the points. Who makes these odds and points, anyway?"

Greece Foments War, UN Is Told

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Dec. 16.—

Albania and Yugoslavia charged before the United Nations Security Council today that Greece, seeking territorial gain, is "obstinately bent on fomenting a new war in the Balkans."

Representatives of the two nations appeared before the Council on the Greek complaint that Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia are training and arming guerrillas now harassing Greek government forces.

Hysni Kapo, roving minister from Albania, asserted that armed Greek troops had crossed the border into his country 21 separate times between Sept. 19 and Nov. 20 to provoke frontier fights.

Sava N. Kosanovic submitted to the Council a list of 38 incidents, including Greek warplane flights over Yugoslav territory and a

machinegun and flamethrower attack on a Yugoslav pillbox.

Lt. Gen. W. Stoytcheff of Bulgaria dismissed the Greek complaint as "petty and trivial," but pointed out correspondents had reported unrest in southern Greece as well as northern Greece.

Kapo said the Greek complaint was part of "a new, large-scale maneuver which has the support of foreign trouble-makers..." Great Britain has an undisclosed number of troops stationed in Greece at the request of the Greek government but Kapo did not mention Britain or any other power.

Kapo agreed with a Greek request that the UN dispatch a committee to Greece to investigate the border warfare, but added that it should also examine the Greek domestic situation.

by BARNARD RUBIN

CHARLIE CHAPLIN to make his next movie in England around May, '47 . . . Van Heflin's sister, Fra, joined him in Hollywood recently. Talk of them doing a film together . . . Paul Grossinger (Borscht circuit) will remarry after his final divorce proceedings . . . Canada Lee will tour Macbeth and Othello through the United States, then to London, where he will open a new play with him acting a Negro buccaneer, the passion interest of a white widow . . .

"FINIAN'S RAINBOW" which looks like a sure fire hit when it reaches Broadway, features a Bilbo-like Senator who is "stricken" black and then gets a dose of southern hospitality a la Bilbo . . . Brett Warren, director of the Federal Theatre's "Power," now back from the wars, will direct the first experimental show for Theatre, Inc. . . . Frank Sinatra giving private singing lessons to Janis Paige . . .

The film *Able's Irish Rose* has been severely criticized for its approach to minorities. Critics claim its effect will add to the current anti-Semitic revival. So it's being shipped to Germany for the natives' amusement. History reversing itself. Now it's WE who are shipping anti-Semitism to the Nazis! . . .

Night club business so bad in town that some banks are going into the business of offering loans to owners enabling them to renew their \$1,200 liquor licenses . . .

Rankest case of discrimination on the stage: the current colored star of Anna Lucasta, Isabelle Cooley (of Cleveland), who plays the title role, has been receiving only \$75 a week. Recently she got a munificent \$15 a week raise. When she goes on the road, she'll receive \$150 a week—which includes expenses. This is less than the press agents of the show will receive. Last year the producer of the same show achieved notoriety by paying the creator of the role, Hilda Simms, \$50 a week for an entire year during which the theatre was packed with the SRO sign out.

A noted Republican will fight against his own party when he comes out for the five-cent fare . . . Sammy Kaplan, popular Brownsville legislator, is considering playing pro basketball again, if he can do so without it interfering with his legislative duties . . .

Main obstacle to New York's chances to act as host for the United Nations had been the attitude of Robert Moses. Moses regards UN with typical isolationist viewpoint. His original offer of 350 acres, ridiculously low for UN requirements, was aimed at turning UN away. Only pressure from Mayor O'Dwyer and others forced him to up the bid—and he delayed that as long as possible.

Newspaper Talk: If PM had folded before it took advertising, a group of money men were all set to jump into the breach with a new newspaper . . . Famed, aged philosopher Santayana was found in Italy by a reporter living in a monastery and dressed in monks' garb. He was reading—Stalin's Leninism! . . . When newspaperman Richard Yaffe reached Italy, the first newspaper headline he noticed was Death to the Jews. The fascist newspapermen there coming out of the woodwork and resuming their by-lines which they dropped after the overthrow of Mussolini.

Recession Notes: National City Bank warning its confidential subscribers that it expects half the radio manufacturers to fold soon . . . All advertising of the Fifth Avenue department stores will be geared to recession incomes for the coming spring sale.

Free Enterprise: There are now 43 American corporations, each with more than one-fourth of the total assets of all corporations, banks and insurance companies in the United States. The 43 have combined assets of \$101,808,613,411! Three leading companies: Met Life Insurance, \$7,561,997,270; Bell Telephone System, \$6,765,557,026; Prudential Insurance; \$6,355,984,306. . .

Two-thirds of our farmers receive about 17 percent of farm income while the upper one-third receives 83 percent. . . .

Looks like an Allied whitewash for former pro-Nazi Hungarian dictator Admiral Horthy. When his recent disavowal of anti-Semitism was questioned with the remark that he didn't seem to mind killing Jews in 1919, Horthy answered—"not the Jews, only the Jewish Communists."

The Camerons, French Negro delegates to UN, won a victory against discrimination recently at the Hotel Roosevelt. Management tried to shift them to the 21st floor, segregating them from the rest of the French delegation on the sixth floor. But the boys stuck together . . .

JERSEY AFL GETS PLEA FOR UNITED LABOR ACTION

Special to the Daily Worker

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 16.—Unity of the labor movement to fight anti-labor legislation and menacing injunctions is called for in a resolution before the convention of the New Jersey State Federation of Labor here today.

The resolution is one of 85 which Mayor Vincent Murphy of Newark, secretary-treasurer of the AFL body, read off for reference to committees today.

The New Jersey CIO convention a week earlier had already adopted a resolution approving Philip Murray's proposal for nationwide CIO-AFL-Railroad Brotherhoods unity.

Some 500 delegates today heard a keynote speech of President Louis Marciano in which the urgency of wage increases and the threat of anti-labor legislation was stressed.

Marciano attributed the Demo-

cratic Party's defeat to a large veteran protest vote because the administration bungled housing and abandoned Roosevelt's policies, and because of widespread dissatisfaction with administration foreign policy.

He nevertheless expressed approval of the decisions of the AFL's Chicago convention which have contributed to GOP support among AFL members. He made a strong plea for the profit system and forecast a clash between capitalism and communism. In that event, he said, it should be the AFL's duty to defend capitalism.

Marciano's advice, after painting a rather gloomy picture under capitalism, didn't draw any reaction from the delegates. He received impressive applause only when he denounced the administration for abandoning Roosevelt policies.

Will They Get the Fixers?

By Bill Mardo

They do say barking dogs never bite. The Police Department, Mayor's office, and the D. A. are barking mightily, at the moment, about the attempted "fix" of the Giants-Bears title tilt on the pro. grid. But many sports fans whose memories don't have to be at all strained to recollect back to March, 1945, are slightly cynical about the big noise today. Because they fear responsible public officials won't really dig their teeth into the crux of the current sports "scandal." They're afraid nobody's going to get really bitten.

March, 1945 . . . remember? A Grand Jury investigation of the Brooklyn College basketball bribe of two months before. In January of that year, the sports world was rocked to learn, that five Brooklyn College hoopsters had accepted bookie bribes to throw a regularly scheduled game with Akron. The boys were expelled from school, newspapers ran running stories daily about the bribe, and some were screaming dire predictions about the death of college basketball.

So, two months after the bribe story broke, the Grand Jury conducted an investigation into the college basketball ticket situation

and betting at Madison Square Garden. Many famous hoop coaches were called to testify, the officials of Brooklyn College spewed forth their "versions," Garden promoter Ned Irish had his righteous say, and so it went . . . In March, 1945, in the chambers of Judge Samuel Leibowitz.

Several weeks later, Commissioner of Investigation Edward Bromberger reported to Mayor LaGuardia that the notorious gambling syndicate operated by Frank Erickson was cleaning up over a million dollars from betting on college basketball and other games.

Oh, yes, the headlines were mighty big in those hectic days of pompous "investigations," and Grand Jury "inquiries"—just as big as today's headlines about the Giant - Bear business.

Nothing happened, though. If I

recollect, along about May, one of the two bookies who had bribed the Brooklyn College boys received a year's imprisonment and was fined \$500. I think the jury recommended "leniency" for the other bookie involved.

The Grand Jury query died a slow and un-worthy death. Ned Irish never did explain fully how so many bookies got their hands on ducats eyes of the "law."

to Garden basketball games—ducats which the average college student or fan in the street couldn't get unless he wanted to pay fantastic fees to the scalpers—who, strange as it seems, had so many tickets for sale.

So what I'm saying, friends, is there was much noise about another sports scandal in early 1945—just as there is today. Will the current uproar subside as did the one in '45? Or will the Mayor and police officials really get in there and punch?

Because it isn't really too difficult to clean up the bookies and gamblers who infest the sports world like leeches with their odds and "right prices," ad nauseum.

For example, Commissioner Walander, just go to the Garden on any Friday night. You'll see the famous 49th Street lobby loaded with your plainclothesmen and uniformed cops.

But if you look long enough, you'll also see the Garden filled with known gamblers making book in the lobby phones and generally behaving as though they own the joint.

It must be a nice feeling for those characters—feeling free to do business that way right under the